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Knowledge is of two kinds. We must know our subject ourselves, or we must know where we can find information upon it.—Boswell.

ON THE EVE OF CONVENTION

The territorial convention yesterday performed but a small part of the work that is before the Republican leaders of this territory. The selection of clean and efficient candidates on the county ticket is of vastly more importance to Hawaii than the territorial choice.

In Honolulu particularly the situation calls for sober thought and cool judgment. The Republican ticket here cannot be successful unless it stands for something besides political make-shift or personal pull.

On what are Republicans going to make their county campaign? On what basis are they going to appeal to the voters of Honolulu? What will be their arguments?

The time is past when campaign oratory and idle promises can win. The ticket must be a ticket of men whose past has meant something for the community. Honolulu is tired of candidates whose performance is all in the future. Honolulu is tired of empty claims of what is to be done.

Delegates to the convention, it is up to you to name men for whom there will be honest, hearty, sincere support! You will not be discharging your solemn duty to your party or your city if you name candidates for whom excuses must be made. Such men will be on the defensive from the moment they are named, and the party will be on the defensive. And that is not winning position for any party.

A CITY FOR ITS PEOPLE

Grand Junction, Col., is making a bold and commendable bid for fame through plans to be the first "ideal commonwealth" in the world, and its ideal has been helped along by Secretary Fisher to the extent that he has set aside from entry 640 acres of coal land in the heart of the Book Cliff coal field, eight miles from Grand Junction, and before Christmas the enterprising municipality expects to start the first municipal coal mine in the United States.

But this coal mine is simply a start. Already Grand Junction owns and operates one of the largest and most successful water systems in the intermountain west, which cost over \$600,000 and was entirely constructed by municipal officials without a day of contract labor upon it and completed at a saving of over \$50,000 over the lowest bid submitted by contractors, says the Philadelphia North American.

Spurred by the success of the municipal water system, the commissioners of the city have served notice that in the next six months they will submit to the people of Grand Junction the proposition of purchasing or condemning, as their city charter and state laws permit, the now privately owned electric light, gas and ice plant. When this announcement was made public President Eugene Sunderlin, of the general public utilities syndicate of the city, came back with a counter-proposition that the city not only take over the electric light, gas and ice plant, but also purchase the Grand Junction street railway and the Grand Junction and Grand River Valley railroad, an electric interurban that extends eighteen miles westward to Fruita, near the Utah state line.

General negotiations are now in progress between the city and the company for the sale of the entire holdings of the company. If successful, and there is no reason to doubt that there will be, Grand Junction will be one of the first cities in the United States to own and operate a railroad.

TOTTERING PERSIA

Since the departure from Persia of that picturesque American, W. Morgan Shuster, the internal affairs of the troubled country have not figured much in the public press, but it appears that Great Britain must soon make some kind of a definite move or lose an international chess game to Russia. Reports that the northern part of Persia is falling rapidly under the dominion of the Russ are regarded in London as likely to precipitate action whereby the United Kingdom, unwillingly, may be forced to accept its share of the spoils. British statesmen say that Britain inaugurates a definite policy to maintain the integrity of the shaky government. The British are at plot-ridden Teheran,

it will come to a cold parceling of Persia among the powers, with Russia and Great Britain naturally getting the largest slices.

Politically, economically and morally the conditions in Persia are bringing about a state of affairs when an independent Persia will be an impossibility. Unless the government in Downing street recognizes this, and is able to formulate a policy which will counteract the means by which the Russification of northern Persia is being brought about, Persia as a free nation will have ceased to exist in almost the immediate future, and the British government driven, however unwillingly, to accept its share of the spoil, will have sent its Sowers into the British sphere just as the Cossacks have been sent into the northern sphere.

For a time the unoccupied gulf sphere will form an intervening no-man's-land, but even that is not likely long to continue. A state of things will be brought about which will have revolutionized British military tenure in the Indian empire.

Politically, the free government of Persia has been destroyed. In Teheran the word of an unofficial Russian pro-consul is law, and as Teheran nominally gives orders to the whole kingdom, the Russian officer in Teheran claims to dispose of British interests in southern Persia.

Morally, the conditions are even worse; Prof. Edward Browne, writing from Cambridge, has told the lurid facts of the pacification of northern Persia, and told them by the incontrovertible evidence of the camera. When Tabriz fell and opened its gates to the Russians, though the defeated Shah had never been able to gain entrance, there came into the town a Persian officer, himself an ardent partizan of the ex-Shah. This officer proceeded to pacify the neighborhood by hanging and mutilating the Nationalist leaders.

BIG CROPS AND POLITICS

Good business prospects are seen in the latest letter from Henry Clews & Co., from which the following extract is taken:

At last the United States appears about ready to take its share of the world's commercial activity. One great offset to political disturbances is the unusually bountiful harvest now practically assured. This is the best diversion from politics that could have happened. In all parts of the country merchants are preparing for active business this autumn. Factories are already filled with orders to supply anticipated demands. The steel industry shows greater activity than ever, and is running close to full capacity at good prices with a big volume of orders still in sight. The demand comes chiefly from railroads and new building enterprises. Railroads are sure to be heavy buyers for a long period ahead, simply to satisfy imperative demands for better equipment and better facilities at terminal points. This condition also will compel the railroads to make large additional capital applications during the next few months. How they will succeed, considering the high rates which new capital now demands, remains to be seen.

The reports of big crops and their increased money values are already familiar. Conditions in consequence are ripening for a period of very active business in the United States. There is no reason, except politics, why 1913 should not prove a record-breaking year.

The advance tip on the Alameda crew was that it would be a hard one to beat, and since the Californians arrived here, critics who have watched them say the advance reports were really underdone. At any rate, next Saturday's races should be the greatest ever rowed in local waters, and there's plenty of sportsmanship to go round.

The Honolulu STAR-BULLETIN opposes the nomination of W. H. Hoogs for the office of supervisor, by the Republican county convention or any other convention. If Mr. Hoogs is nominated for Supervisor, the STAR-BULLETIN will not endorse his candidacy and will urge that he be defeated at the polls.

A. W. Carter seems to be of the opinion that transportation rates for cattle depend a good deal on whose ox is gored.

Thank goodness, we don't have to worry about the Democratic territorial convention now also.

Strange that nobody seems to be making a fuss over Bill Bryan's campaign fund for 1912!

Any time Yuan Shih-Kai gets tired of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Hawaii will take him back again.

Some cities acquire mayors and others have mayors thrust upon them.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ALEXANDER YOUNG — It looks as though Aviator Dot is going to get all right. Never mind the bouquets. Anyway, he had his engine going last evening and it could be heard all over the park.

NAVAL CIVIL ENGINEER E. R. GAYLER—Work on the drydock is going along splendidly now, and concrete is being poured every day. Machinery for the finished dock is on the way here too, for I have just received word that the four Alberger pumps which are motor driven and which will pump out the dock in about an hour and a quarter, have been shipped by steamer freight from New York.

PERSONALITIES

G. E. LAKE, connected with the American legation at Tokyo was among the passengers to arrive at Honolulu this morning in the Pacific Mail liner Persia. Mr. Lake will remain here indefinitely.

WALTER PRESCOTT, a well known newspaperman of the Far East, who has spent some time at Shanghai and Manila is a through passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Persia. Prescott figured conspicuously in the late Chinese rebellion, representing a string of prominent mainland and European publications. He is on his way to the states, Europe and a tour of the world before returning to China, where he makes his home.

SYMPATHY.

The school-bell tolls the knell of holiday. The groaning kids move slowly toward the school; Schoolward the teacher also plods her way. Reluctant to resume her tyrant role.

As I'm the owner of a high-strung boy, I feel for you, dear teacher, most intense; We've had him through vacation. Oh, the joy! And surely know what you are up against.

—Merrill.

KUHIO NAMED

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to the platform, where he was formally introduced by Chairman Holstein and pledged to support the platform. Kuhio thanked the delegates for drawing up a platform according to his wishes. He believed the platform to be good for all classes and for the interests of the Territory. "Let us work along progressive lines," he said.

Shingle is Chairman. Following the nomination for Delegate to Congress, the chair called for the selections of new members of the Territorial central committee, and the following were named officers by the committee: R. W. Shingle, chairman; Cecil Brown, treasurer; E. J. Crawford, secretary; Sol Fukamura, assistant secretary.

The members of the new committee are: First district—Stephen L. Desha, D. H. Kenoi, Eran da Silva, H. B. Kona. Second district—H. L. Holstein, J. A. Maguire, George Kawaha, Enoka Kaaua. Third district—E. F. Deinert, W. L. West, C. F. Farden, G. K. Kuamaka, W. A. Clark, E. van Lil. Fourth district—R. W. Shingle, A. Maunual, R. W. Breckons, J. H. S. Kaleo, Cecil Brown, A. V. Peters. Fifth district—George Kekauoha, E. B. Mikalemi, E. J. Crawford, S. Paulo Jr., Sol Fukamura, W. H. Crawford. Sixth district—Chas. A. Rice, Jas. K. Lota, R. P. Spalding, William Iona. Executive committee—First district, S. L. Desha; second district, H. L. Holstein; third district, E. F. Deinert; fourth district, to be named; fifth district, E. J. Crawford, W. H. Crawford; sixth district, Chas. A. Rice.

PLATFORM ADOPTED AT AFTERNOON SESSION

The Republican Territorial convention resumed its afternoon session at 3:41, the Hawaiian copies of the platform having arrived. Cecil Brown moved that the platform, as submitted by the committee, be considered section by section. D. L. Withington asked for information, if there is no objection to any of the planks, why the platform could not be adopted as a whole. Chairman Holstein answered that the adoption of the committee's report would adopt the platform. "I do not wish to deprive any delegate of the privilege of discussing

any of the planks," Mr. Withington resumed. "For myself I have some qualms about the woman's suffrage plank, yet nevertheless I could swallow it. (Laughter.) I move that the report of the committee on platform be adopted."

R. W. Aylett moved the following amendment to the platform:

"The Republican party protests against any effort to secure an amendment to that part of the Organic Act which makes citizenship of the territory a necessary qualification of the governor. While realizing fully that corporate interests within the territory are far-reaching in their influence, yet the Territory possesses many men of high standing and integrity well and ably equipped to perform the duties of the office, possessed of the necessary moral courage to withstand all attempts, direct or indirect, to obtain gubernatorial support for special privileges of nature whatsoever, and in close touch and sympathy with all the people of the Territory, without distinction."

Mr. Breckons seconded the amendment and Mr. Aylett then delivered an eloquent address in Hawaiian in support of it.

Mr. Castro called attention to the principle of home rule in a plank already in the platform, saying he saw no necessity of the amendment. He was in thorough sympathy with the principle of the amendment, but if the mover would refer to the plank mentioned perhaps he would agree with him that there was no need of the additional plank.

Mr. Aylett replied that the proposed amendment would reinforce the home rule plank, besides giving the Delegate something to work on should an attempt be made to change the Organic Act in the way mentioned. There was nothing like being prepared.

The amendment was put and declared carried, against a faint volume of noes.

Mr. Kaleo wanted time to read the Hawaiian version before committing himself to existing planks or amendments.

Judge Mahaulu did not want it said of this convention that the steam roller was in operation in it. At least fifteen minutes should be allowed the Hawaiian delegates to read the platform.

Mr. Breckons moved that the platform be read in Hawaiian by the secretary, and after that the English version if the convention desired.

The chair without putting the motion, directed the reading of the Hawaiian version, which was done by Rev. S. L. Desha.

At the conclusion of the reading, Mr. Withington's motion to adopt the report of the platform committee was carried, unanimously.

Mr. Breckons moved that the convention take recess to 8 o'clock, when the hall should be set rolling for the campaign.

Mr. Kealoha thought the people from the country districts should be considered. There were too many recesses.

Mr. Shingle appointed himself a committee of one to have the band present at the evening session.

Mr. Breckons explained that the reason for delay was that Delegate Kuhio was engaged with Secretary Fisher.

At 4:45 the convention took recess to 8 o'clock.

MAUI CHURCHES GIVE \$1500 FOR NEW EDIFICE

[Special Star-Bulletin Aerongram] WAILUKU, Sept. 18.—The session of the churches of the Maui association at Kaunakakai finished yesterday. There was a large attendance and \$1500 was pledged for the erection of a new church building at the leper settlement.

U. S. SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR HER PLEA

Tsuru Tomimatsu, the Japanese woman who was detained by the immigration officials some time ago on her return to the Territory from Japan, on the charge that she was an alien and was suffering from trachoma, a communicable disease, is to be freed, pending her appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

SUICIDE ON OPERATING TABLE.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. August 24.—Snatching scissors and scalpel from the hands of the surgeon in attendance, Joseph Ulrich stabbed himself to death today on the operating table at the Emergency Hospital. He had been placed on the table that a self-inflicted wound made early in the day might be dressed.

Brooding over the murder of one friend for which another friend was convicted is believed to have unbalanced his mind.

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